

EDUCATION (IRELAND).

ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS of EDUCATION in *Ireland*, for the Year 1871-72.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POYNTZ, EARL SPENCER, K.G.,
LORD LIEUTENANT GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR
OF IRELAND, &c. &c. &c.

WE, "the Commissioners of Education in Ireland," constituted and appointed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of Parliament passed in the 53rd year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Third, respectfully submit to your Excellency a general Report of the Proceedings of the Board since their last Report.

In many of our former Annual Reports, but especially in those for 1869-70 and for 1870-71, we took the liberty to submit to your Excellency's consideration suggestions (which appeared to us to be most important) for the varying and the enlargement of the very limited powers conferred on this Commission, in reference to the funds which form the Endowments of Schools committed to us; and also as to the selection, control, promotion, and superannuation of the Teachers. We urged the necessity that exists for the appointment of paid Visitors or Inspectors of the Schools and Establishments generally; and we pointed out certain alterations in our constitution which, in our opinion, would be of great public advantage; and having heretofore brought these matters specifically under your Excellency's notice, we feel that we now sufficiently discharge our duties in respect to these suggestions and modifications by respectfully, but urgently, re-calling your Excellency's attention to the Annual Reports alluded to.

A considerable portion of our time and attention is, of necessity, devoted to the several Estates vested in us, and which, under our control, are managed by Land Agents resident in their respective vicinities; and we have the satisfaction to report that the Tenantry on these Estates are generally well conducted and peaceable, and that the payment of the Rents calls for no complaint from us.

We have, under the advice and supervision of our Architect, caused to be expended on the respective Schoolhouses and Premises such sums of money as have been reported to be requisite to keep them in a sound and satisfactory condition.

dition. At the Armagh Royal School we have, in addition to the outlay thereon referred to in our last Annual Report, found it necessary to approve of plans for, and to order the erection of, additional Class Rooms and other Buildings, those in existence having been found to be quite insufficient for the accommodation of the increased and increasing number of Pupils.

As regards the Royal Schools of Dungannon and Enniskillen, we have to report that the attendance of Pupils continues to be numerous, and the Establishments are reported to be in excellent condition.

The present state of the Royal Schools of Cavan and Carysfort does not call for any special remark from us.

As regards the Royal School of Raphoe, which is placed in a thinly-inhabited locality, we are happy to be in a position to state that the number of Pupils is considerable, and appears to be steadily increasing; and that the Special Report on the Examinations recently held in the Schoolhouse speaks in laudatory terms of the zeal and the exertions of the present Head Master, and of the answering of the Pupils.

Of the Private Endowments in connexion with this Commission, that of Middleton, in the County of Cork, is the most successful. The Local Visitors and Governors of this School, who recently held a Visitation and Examination there, have reported to us most favourably upon the entire Establishment, and its general management and success under the charge of its present Head Master. This School appears to be now one of the most numerously attended of its class in the South of Ireland.

The Primary School, which in the face of strong opposition, we some time since established for the benefit of the tenantry of the Dungannon School Estate, has proved to be a very great advantage to the neighbourhood; the pupils having become so numerous, that we have felt ourselves necessitated to increase our expenditure in connection with it.

The Returns from the Masters of the Primary Schools established by us for the tenantry of the Navan and Ballyroan and Raphoe Estates, show that they are of great benefit in their respect localities.

We have further to report to your Excellency, that the two Primary Schools in connection with the Endowment at Tullyvin, in the County of Cavan, are carefully superintended by the Trustees, who have notified to us that they are of very great benefit, and very fully attended by the children of the humbler classes resident in that locality.

We have so frequently reported specially as to the Royal Scholarships founded by us in Trinity College, the severe competitive examination that must be successfully passed before obtaining them; and the continuous gaining of honours during the years of tenure to prevent the forfeiture of these highly-prized Exhibitions, that we do not feel called upon to repeat more specifically our former statements in reference to them; but we beg to annex to this our Report, a list of the names of the present holders of these Scholarships, and the respective amounts

amounts payable to each; as also, a copy of our most recently published Rules and Regulations for the Examination to be held for the next appointment.

All which we most respectfully submit to your Excellency as our Report for the year 1871-72.

(signed)	JAMES WHITESIDE, Chief Justice.	(L.S.)
	H. LLOYD, Provost of Trinity College.	(L.S.)
	SAMUEL MEATH.	(L.S.)
	WILLIAM B. KIRKPATRICK, D.D.	(L.S.)
	J. G. PORTER.	(L.S.)
	LOWRY E. BERKELEY.	(L.S.)
	J. D. FITZGERALD.	(L.S.)

Wm. Cotter Kyle, LL.D., M.R.I.A.,

Secretary.

8, Clare-street, June 1872.

NAMES of the present holders of Royal Scholarships, 1871-72.

On the Armagh Royal School Foundation.

	£.		£.
J. G. Silcock -	50 per annum.	H. O. Moore -	25 per annum.
C. Reeves -	50 "	J. W. King -	50 "

On the Cavan Royal School Foundation.

	£.
J. Woodroffe -	20 per annum.

On the Dungannon Royal School Foundation.

	£.		£.
D. F. Kelly -	50 per annum.	H. D. Bell -	40 per annum.
W. B. Smyth -	25 "	R. Elliott -	25 "
T. Hamilton -	50 "	A. W. Samuels -	50 "
J. F. Williamson -	50 "	E. W. Hobson -	50 "
R. Clarke -	40 "		

On the Enniskillen Royal School Foundation.

	£.		£.
T. E. Hackett -	40 per annum.	R. Cramsie -	30 per annum.
J. D. Bouchier -	40 "	L. C. Purser -	50 "
G. A. Leech -	50 "	R. McDowel -	30 "
E. F. Hopkins -	40 "	O. Wyke -	40 "
R. Galbraith -	50 "		

ROYAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

REGULATIONS of "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland," for 1872.

"THE Commissioners of Education in Ireland" have founded 30 Exhibitions, called "Royal Scholarships," for students who shall enter Trinity College from the Royal Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, or Cavan, viz., five scholarships of 50*l.* per annum each for Armagh School; and five of 50*l.* per annum, and five of 30*l.* per annum for each of the Schools of Dungannon and Enniskillen; and five of 25*l.* per annum for Cavan School.

These Scholarships can be obtained by such students only as have been three years in all, previously to their entrance into Trinity College, pupils in some one or other of the Royal Schools. It is not, however, hereby intended to prevent pupils from moving from one of these schools to another; but the Scholarships founded for the respective Schools of Armagh, Dungannon, Enniskillen, and Cavan, can be obtained only by students who have entered the University from the schools for which such Scholarships have been founded.

The Scholarships are tenable for five years subject to certain conditions hereafter mentioned.

The Provost and Senior Fellows appoint Examiners in each year, to examine, on the first convenient day after the second entrance, in the month of October, such students as have entered from the said four Royal Schools, and shall offer themselves as candidates for these Scholarships.

In 1872 the examinations will be in the following subjects:—

I.—Greek and Latin Classics (100 marks).

1. Two Greek and two Latin authors included in the ordinary entrance course of Trinity College, together with one Greek and one Latin author not so included, to be examined *visd voce*. The books appointed for the year 1872 are:

Homer's "Iliad," Books V., VI., and VII. Virgil's "Æneid," Books I., II., VI., VII. Euripides, "Bacchæ"; edited by Tyrrell. Tacitus, "Annals," Books I., II. Plato, "Apologia Socratis." Terence, "Phormio."

2. Passages from Greek and Latin authors, not named beforehand, for translation in writing.
3. Greek and Latin Prose Composition.
4. Paper of questions in Ancient History. [Books recommended—Dr. Smith's "Grecian History"; Liddell's smaller "Roman History."]

II.—English Language (60 marks).

1. Language and Literature.

[Books recommended—Trench, "English, Past and Present." Abbott and Seeley, "English Lessons for English People." "Student's Manual of English Literature." Smith's "Specimens of English Literature."]

Candidates will be expected to be well acquainted with the following works, viz.—Milton's, "Paradise Lost," Books III. and IV.; Milton's "Comus"; Shakespeare, "Hamlet" and "As You Like it."

2. English Composition.

3. History of England.—[Book recommended—Student's Hume.]

III.—Modern Languages (40 marks).

French or German.

IV.—Science (70 marks).

1. Arithmetic.
2. Algebra, to the end of Quadratic Equations.
3. Euclid, Books I., II., III., and VI.
4. Plane Trigonometry, including solution of plane Triangles.
5. Elements of Mechanics.
6. Geography, Descriptive and Physical.

Note.—The course of examination for Royal Scholarships will be varied, from time to time, by the Commissioners.

No fellow-commoner can be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship.

No pensioner shall be admitted as a candidate for a Royal Scholarship who shall not have remained at one of the Royal Schools to which the Scholarships are attached till an October entrance examination in T. C. D. of the same year as the examination for Royal Scholarships, at which he may be a candidate.

No sizar shall be admitted as a candidate, who shall not have remained at such Royal School till the sizarship entrance examination immediately preceding the examination for Royal Scholarships, at which he may be a candidate.

No student who shall have attained 20 years of age shall be permitted to become a candidate for a Royal Scholarship.

No student shall be elected a Royal Scholar unless he shall have, previously to the examination for Royal Scholarships, produced to the Secretary of the Commissioners a certificate signed by the Master of the Royal School from which he shall have entered T. C. D., certifying that such candidate is duly qualified according to the above-stated rules, such certificate to be handed by the candidate to the Examiners in T. C. D.

The candidates from all the schools shall be examined together, and a return made to the Commissioners of their positive merit; and also an arrangement of the candidates according to their answering, without distinction of schools; the Commissioners reserving to themselves the power of suspending or diminishing one or more Scholarships, if sufficient merit has not been shown.

In cases of equality of merit, in all other respects, the poverty of a candidate will be taken into consideration. A student who has once been a candidate cannot be eligible on a subsequent occasion.

A Royal Scholarship becomes forfeited by the holder of it incurring any heavy collegiate censure, such as public admonition, or rustication; or when all the examinations of any year have elapsed without his having obtained in that year one honour of the first rank, or two honours of the second rank.

The election itself to one of these Scholarships is reckoned as equivalent to one honour of the second rank; a University Moderatoreship, a University Scholarship, the Berkeley Gold Medal, the Lloyd Exhibition, the Wray Prize, success in the first Indian Civil Service (competitive) examination, or at the Woolwich entrance examination, as equivalent to a University honour of the first rank, and obtaining a respondentship, or success at any of the subsequent Indian Civil Service examinations as equivalent to a University honour of the second rank.

The exhibitions become due half-yearly, viz., on the 1st of May and on the 1st of November. Payments will be made in May to such students only as have obtained in the preceding part of that year at least one honour of the second rank. A half-yearly payment, held over in May, will be made in November, provided an honour has been obtained in the meantime; and payment for the entire year will be made in November to such students as had not qualified for the May half-year's payment, and shall have then fulfilled all the requisites for the entire year.

In cases where very distinguished merit has been shown during their undergraduate course by students holding minor Scholarships, and where Scholarships for the same school remain suspended, or have been forfeited, the Commissioners will, at the close of each year, receive memorials from such students for an increase of their stipend.

The names of the Royal Scholars are placed on the College books, immediately after the names of the University scholars, without, however, altering their degree of seniority amongst their class-fellows.

MIDDLETON SCHOOL.

"The Commissioners of Education in Ireland" will grant annually two prizes, one of 30 L and one of 20 L, to such junior freshmen as shall, subject to the rules prescribed for the Royal Schools, have entered Trinity College, Dublin, from Middleton School; and having been examined along with and in the same course as the candidates for the Royal Scholarships, shall be recommended by the examiner as deserving candidates.

(signed) *William Cotter Kyle, LL.D.,*
Secretary to "The Commissioners of Education in Ireland."

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